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This letter will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 27 September 1948 requesting that we assist in obtaining a code clerk for the American Consulate at Nicosia.

You will recall that Bill Porter asked me to look into this matter when I returned from my visit to Cyprus in May of this year. At that time the State Department gave me reasonable assurance that a code clerk would be assigned to Mr. Porter in the near future. I regret very much that I have not thought to consult them on the matter again until receipt of your letter.

I have today been in touch with Mrs. Ruth Miller of the Office of Foreign Service Recruitment and discussed this situation in some detail. She advises me that they have for some considerable time had a recruitment freeze on for foreign service personnel, with a few exceptions. Most of these exceptions have been for cryptographic personnel. Unfortunately they are urgently needed in Europe in connection with the ECA program. She was, in fact, rather pessimistic about being able to supply Porter with a code clerk in the near future. I suggested that one might be transferred from Cairo. While she did not discount this possibility completely, she thought it more likely that if any could be spared from Cairo, they would be transferred to Europe for work in connection with ECA. I did my best to impress upon her the importance of this position in Nicosia from our standpoint. After some considerable discussion, she assured me that she would discuss the matter with the area people in the Department and that if it was at all possible they would favorably consider our request.

Please give my kindest regards to Bill Porter and assure him that we will do anything we possibly can to assist with the early assignment of this clerk.

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Sincerely,
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